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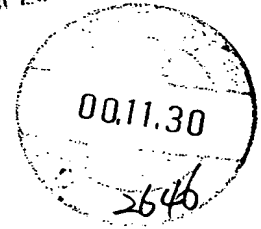
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[참 부]

첨부 1 국내공개실용신안공보 1998-14123(공개일 1998.6.5) 1부.

첨부 2 국내공개특허공보 98-56950(공개일 1998.9.25) 1부.

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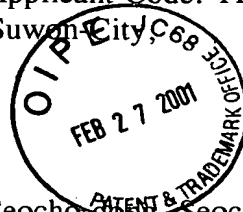
Title of the Invention: Automatic Channel Memory Device

According to Article 63 of the Korean Patent Law, the applicant is notified that the present application has been rejected for the reasons given below. Any Argument or Amendment which the applicant may wish to submit, must be submitted by the due date mentioned above. An indefinite number of one-month extensions in the period for submitting a response may be obtained upon request, however no official confirmation of the acceptance of a request for an extension will be issued.

Reasons

The invention defined in claims 1 through 4 of the present application could have been easily invented by one skilled in the art prior to the filing of the application, and thus this application is rejected according to Article 29 (2) of the Korean Patent Law.

The invention defined in claims 1 through 4 of this application relates to a channel memory device for determining whether a broadcasting signal is present in a tuned channel and automatically memorizing the tuned channel number if a broadcasting signal is present in the tuned channel. However, the present invention is similar to cited reference 1 (Korean Laid-open Utility Model Publication No. 98-14123) and cited reference 2 (Korean Laid-open Patent Publication No. 98-56950). Cited reference 1 relates to a VCR system for checking whether receipt time continues for a predetermined time if a broadcasting signal is received and memorizing the broadcasting channel in a channel memory if the receipt time continues for a predetermined time. Cited reference 2 relates to a method of controlling automatic tuning and memory channel display in a TV and a VCR system. In other words, the structural element of the present invention is similar to the prior art described in the detailed description of the present invention and an automatic channel



memory device for automatically memorizing channels having a broadcasting signal after scanning all channels by a menu key described in cited reference 2. The present invention is different from cited reference 2 in that if a broadcasting signal is present in a selected channel, the selected channel is automatically memorized without an automatic channel memory key (menu key). However, this technique is only the one described in cited reference 1. Thus, the present invention is considered to have easily been invented by one skilled in the art from cited references 1 and 2.

Enclosure: Korean Laid-open Utility Model Publication No. 1998-14123 (Published 5 June 1998)
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**Korean Industrial Property Office (KR)
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Application Date : 31 August 1996

Title of the Invention: VCR System Having Function of Automatic Channel Memory

Abstract

The present invention relates to a VCR system having a tuning means of frequency synthesis method. In a prior art, a channel, which is tuned when an automatic channel memory function is not performed in a VCR system, is not memorized in a channel memory. Thus, tuning the channel is repeated.

To solve the above problem, there is provided a VCR system having an automatic channel memory function, comprising a tuning means of frequency synthesis method. The VCR system also includes a microcomputer in which time check channel memory program 100 for checking whether receipt time continues for a predetermined time if a broadcasting signal is received and automatically registering the present broadcasting channel in a temporary memory channel table assigned to a channel memory if the receipt time continues for a predetermined time, and a temporary memory channel search program 200 for searching the temporary memory channel registered in the time check channel memory program 100 using user's up/down key are mounted.

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Title of the Invention: Method of Controlling Automatic Tuning and Memory
Channel Display in TV and VCR System

Abstract

The present invention relates to a method of controlling automatic tuning and memory channel display in a TV and a VCR system. It is the object of the present invention to display all memory channels, on an OSD screen, which are automatically tuned and stored in the TV or the VCR system having an automatic channel tuning function of automatically tuning and memorizing a channel having a broadcasting signal.

To achieve the above object, the present invention comprises the steps of: (1) showing guide picture for function selection and standing by user's function selection when a function selection key is pressed; (2) determining whether or not a broadcasting signal is present in a second channel, memorizing a channel having a broadcasting signal and repeating displaying all memorized channel numbers on an OSD with channel by channel to the final channel increasing if an automatic channel tuning mode is selected in the first step; (3) re-showing guide picture for function selection if the motion of the second step is completed and ending the motion if the function selection key is pressed